

(c) Does not arise.

### **ADB Assistance for Distribution System in Karnataka**

4155. SHR S.B. SIDNAL: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved US \$ 100 m. loan for improving the power distribution system in the urban centres in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the details of the assistance; and

(c) the time by which the ADB aided programme will be taken up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

### **Gold and Other Minerals in Karnataka**

4156. SHRI S.B. SIDNAL: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Mineral Exploration Corporation Ltd. has discovered a gold ore reserve in Wondalli, Raichur district in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the quantum of gold ore explored; and

(c) the facts and the details of the other mineral reserves explored during April–October, 1991 in the area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Mineral Exploration Corporation Ltd. (MECL) have estimated a reserve of 4.69 lakh tonnes of gold ore with average grade of 2.76 grams per tonne in Wondalli, Raichur district in Karnataka.

(c) Exploration for other minerals was not carried out in the area.

### **Production of Steel**

4157. SHRI S.B. SIDNAL: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of crude steel produced by the Steel Authority of India during the first eight month of 1991–92;

(b) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by it to step up production of value added items;

(c) whether the SAIL is supplying corrosion resistant steel to the Indian Railways;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the countries to which galvanised products are being exported; and

(f) the demand for steel estimated in the country during 1992–93?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Production of Crude steel during the first eight months of year 1991–92 was 62.5 lakh tonnes by SAIL.

(b) By stabilising cold rolled mill II of Bokaro Steel Plant, SAIL has enhanced the production of value added items. With increased focus on large number of inter-plant transfer of semis-finished steel next year, the production of value added items will increase.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Total supply of corrosion resistant steel from SAIL to Indian Railways during April '91 Jan. '92 was 7540 tonnes.

(e) So far during 1991-92, there has not been any export of galvanized sheets products produced by SAIL. However, an order for export of 12,000 tonnes of galvanized corrugated sheets to Bangladesh has been booked by SAIL.

In addition, SAIL have recently exported 60 tonnes of galvanized wires made out of wire rods from Bhilai Steel Plant to UAE.

(f) The demand of finished steel for the year 1991-92 is estimated at 163.5 lakh tonnes.

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#### **Collision at Bombay Airport**

4158. SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether two aeroplanes narrowly escaped a head on collision at Bombay airport in January, 1992;

(b) if so, the details of persons found responsible for the incident and the action taken against them;

(c) whether the Government have given any directions to pilots and other officers to avoid recurrences of such incident;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (e). On 10.1.1992, when an Indian Airlines aircraft was backtracking on runway after landing at Bombay airport, an

Air India aircraft took off from the opposite end of the runway. The incident is under investigation.

#### **Pay Phone Facility**

4159. SHRI M.V.V.S. MURTHY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to extend 'Pay Phone' facility in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the target period fixed for completion of the project; and

(d) whether it is proposed to introduce the 'Chip System' for phones?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) We have liberalised the allotment of Public Call Offices to be allotted to all those who volunteer subject to the satisfaction of the guidelines laid by department and feasibility.

(c) The targets regarding 'Pay Phones' are fixed every year depending upon potential, availability of equipment etc. and demand.

(d) Yes, Sir.

#### **Jal Dhara Scheme in Orissa**

4160. SHRI SRIKANTA JENA: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the target fixed for sinking of wells under the Jal Dhara Scheme in Orissa during the last two years; and